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Bay Artists will host workshop

The Bay Artists Coop at 415 Necaise will be holding a demonstration of Raku pottery firing on Saturday, March 3 from Noon to 5 p.m. Raku is a process of pulling glazed pottery red hot out of the kiln and throwing it into a barrel of sawdust, producing a cracked effect in the finished color. The demonstration is free to the public.

BHS Class of 90 planning reunion

The Bay High Class of 1990 is planning a reunion and looking for classmates. For information, call Tammy Ehrlich at 467-5370 or Courtney Thomas at 466-2769.

Little League to begin arresting

The Waveland Little League will conduct a community jail fundraiser on Friday, March 9 at the city hall annex building on Coleman Ave. City officials, merchants and others will be arrested throughout the day. Call 466-2634 to be arrested or have someone else nabbed.

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2001: MARDI GRAS ODYSSEY

Crime, weather didn't really do much to rain on any parades

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

It's still too early to tell from economic indicators if Fat Tuesday celebrations fattened local coffers, but tourists and revelers in Hancock County and Pass Christian were offered ample opportunity to celebrate.

The weather held out with a clear blue sky for the Nereids parade in Waveland, one of the only parades this season that was blessed with such weather, and made for an almost perfect afternoon of fun. The St. Paul Carnival Association did not have such good luck during its parade in Pass Christian, but even the rainy skies did little to dampen the enthusiasm of parade-goers. The Krewe of Real People paraded through a misty, foggy afternoon in Bay St. Louis, working to entertain a larger-than-average crowd.

Still, this year's Carnival had some cloudy moments.

Arrest reports show that on the afternoon of the Nereids parade in Waveland, there were about 32 arrests for various offenses ranging from disturbing the peace to aggravated assault, though not all were parade-related. The Hancock County Narcotics Task Force Director Brett Ladner said in a report that undercover agents at the parade assisted Waveland Police in the apprehension of 15 people for possession of a controlled substance.

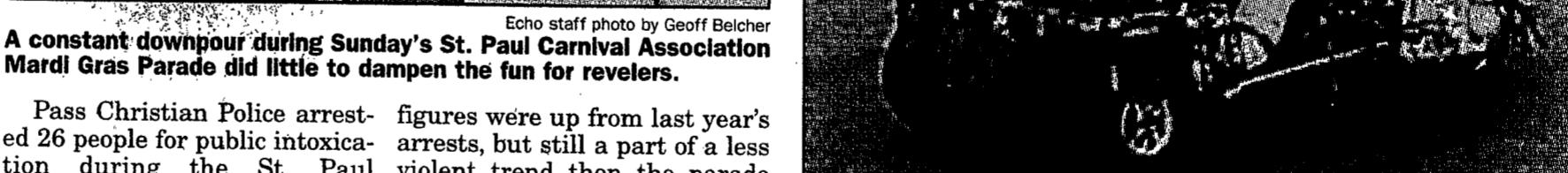
Bay St. Louis Assistant Police Chief Dave Stepro said everything went smoothly at the Krewe of Real People parade on Tuesday, with only one arrest for simple possession, which would have been a citation if the offender had not had an already outstanding warrant. "We had four parades in the city and only one arrest, though the partying did cause a few fights later in the evening Tuesday," said Stepro.



Courtesy of Echo staff photo by Donna J. Smith



A constant downpour during Sunday's St. Paul Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade did little to dampen the fun for revelers.



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
The Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday offered some great floats - and self-decorated golf carts.



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Politics starting to heat as filing deadlines near

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

A four-way Democrat primary race has developed in Bay St. Louis' Ward 3 City Council election.

The filing deadline is 5 p.m. Friday for five council seats and the mayor's position.

So far, the mayor's race has shaped up as a two-man contest, with incumbent Mayor Eddie Favre facing a challenge from Ward 4 council member Tad Black. Both are in the

Democratic Party primary. As of Wednesday, there had been no Republican or Independent contender to step forward for the city's top slot.

Meanwhile, the only Republican to qualify in any race so far in the municipal election is Susan Kidd Blaché, seeking the Ward 1 seat now held by Doug Seal, who has filed as an Independent candidate.

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Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter
The 17 participants in the 18th Annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Program on Saturday. Pictured with the young people are organizers, Donna Holton, Bill Johnson and 16 year veteran organizer, Mrs. James P. Clarke.

Event teaches about black history, future

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Seventeen young people made a little bit of their own history on Saturday by participating in the 18th annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program at the Bay St. Louis Depot.

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Hancock Middle School students learning from peer counseling, not peer pressure

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hancock County Middle School is trying a new approach to helping its students handle their problems. The school is sponsoring a program which trains other young people to counsel their peers and it seems to be a success. "Whenever you have a student who wants to speak with a peer mediator instead of an adult counselor, then you know the program is doing well," said school counselor and program trainer Myron Labat.

"These students take their position very seriously," said Labat. "And I treat them as professionals and as adults, whose feelings and opinions are valued."

This is the first year for the program at Hancock, but Labat is looking forward to next year already. "We are already planning for this year's counselors to train next year's counselors," said Labat. "We will probably try to pick about half of the new counselors this year and hold the other spaces for incoming students."

To be a part of the peer mediation program a student must have recommendations from three teachers. Students are chosen for four characteristics:

Trustworthiness, sense of responsibility, reliability, and respect for others. Labat said the aim was also to choose students from diverse backgrounds so that all students could relate to a mediator. Labat also said that the students were not chosen for grade average or any particular ability such as athletic ability.

There are twelve mediators from each grade, sixth, seventh, and eighth. All the students go through about four weeks of counseling training, including



Hancock Middle Schools first crop of "peer counselors", pictured with school counselor and trainer Myron Labat.

the rules and limits of confidentiality. If a student violates the confidentiality of a session, they can be dismissed from the program. The only reason to violate confidentiality is if the student counselor hears something that indicates that someone may hurt themselves or someone else.

In this case the student reports the problem to an adult counselor or teacher, never anyone else, Labat said.

What are the attitudes of the kids involved in this program? Judge for yourself from their candid statements:

Adam Holon, 8th grade: "It's about helping people get through their problems. We all need someone to lean on."

Misty Mooney, 7th grade: "I like to be in the program because I like helping people and this way we can help people work things out without getting written up and getting in trou-

ble."

Maurice Eaton, 6th grade: "It gives me a chance to talk to my peers about what happened and get their version."

Ashley Riley, 8th grade: "It helps people with their problems ... it's about kids helping other kids and they may listen to their peers when sometimes they don't listen to their teachers."

Erin Dugat, 7th grade: "It's about helping other kids with their problems, sometimes kids who have no one else to turn to. They may listen to us more because maybe we have had the same experience or problem."

Heather Malley, 6th grade: "It gives me the chance to talk to other people with problems and it makes me realize that my problems are not so bad. I like working with people and I like learning."

Michael Watson, 8th grade: "This teaches us how to deal

with people which prepares us for the future. It helps us expand on ideas and even our vocabulary."

This year the young counselors took a field trip to the Harrison County Child Development Center in Gulfport. The center teaches students who are behind physically, emotionally, or by speech. "I wanted to provide the kids with a chance for community service," said Labat. All the students agreed that they learned more about how the world works on the trip. "You see what can happen to people that you wouldn't think could happen, but it does," said Heather.

"You see what you have that you shouldn't take for granted ... that you should help when you can," said Michael. "We learned how other people see things ... and we feel better about ourselves and feel lucky for all we have," said Misty.

History -- kids learning about themselves

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The young people, who ranged in age from 9 to 19, also learned a little more about themselves and about making sacrifices to accomplish something worthwhile. The event was hosted for the second year by Donna Holton and her husband, Bill Johnson.

"A lot of your peers are out playing basketball or are at the movies today," said Maurice Singleton Jr., who gave words of inspiration to the group. "A lot of you made sacrifices to be here, to carry on the traditions of African Americans in history to the next generation ... we carry the stories forward ... we thank you for your time and energy ... there are no winners or losers here, you have all succeeded by taking part in a pro-

gram like this."

Topics ranged in subject from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Duke Ellington, from original essays to original poetry. Solomon Twiggs, first place winner in the 9-10 year old category, spoke about attorney Thomas P. Clarke. Sylvester

Twiggs, first place winner in the 11-12 year old category, spoke about his uncle, J.C. Booker III, who was a famous piano player and a member of the New Orleans Music Hall of Fame. "You don't have to look any further than your own family tree to find history," said Twiggs.

Dionna Bush, first place winner in the 13-15 year old category, performed an original piece on Sojourner Truth, Michael Simpkins spoke of the many accomplishments of

black inventors, saying, "Black history is not just the history of slavery."

First place winners received a \$50 savings bond and a large trophy. All participants received a "goody bag," small trophy and an envelope of cash. Mrs. Thomas P. Clarke, who with her husband hosted the event for 16 years, made a special guest appearance traveling from St. Louis, Mo., where she now resides.

"You didn't tell us quite everything about organizing this," said Johnson in a tribute to Clarke.

"We didn't know just how much work it takes to put on an event like this, but we are learning, and hope to do another 16 years."

Cothren, pro-football player-turned-author, to sign at Bookends

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Retired NFL player, member of the "first family of football of Mississippi," and author Paige Cothren, will be in town today to sign his newest book, *So Great the Pretender*, whose action takes place in the Bay St. Louis/Waveland area. Though he is the author of more than 20 books, this is his first novel.

"I wanted to touch on a subject that I felt had not been touched on, what pro players go through when the game is over for good ... how men who were driven to make it to the top of their professions cope when the crowd no longer yells," said Cothren. "And I added a little romance and intrigue to the story."

The book begins and ends on the beach in Bay St. Louis and scenes take place in many familiar local places such as Buccaneer Park, St. Stanislaus, Dock of the Bay, Bay City Grill, as well as many other locations in Waveland, Kiln and Stennis Space Center. Cothren chose this area, he said, because of its quaint seaside appeal, the per-



Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shallbetter
Cothren reminiscences by one of his favorite places on Tuesday, the train bridge across the Bay of St. Louis.

fect setting for what he had in mind. He did a lot of the writing on the beach, at various local piers and restaurants.

Cothren's 25 years experience as a counselor and his experience playing for Ole Miss,

In Ward 2, incumbent James "Jim" Thriffiley III is unopposed so far for the Democratic nomination. In Ward 4, the coast was still clear as of Wednesday for Democrat Bobby Comprett's bid for the seat that Black is vacating.

But in Ward 3, incumbent Connie Payne Lampey has three competitors in the offering, including the man whom she defeated four years ago, Thomas "Tom" Farve, a Democrat. A third Democrat in

the race is Georgia Flood Goff.

Challenger Galen Edward Mitchell Smith Sr. has filed as an Independent.

Council member William "Bill" Taylor, who holds the only at-large seat on council, has drawn no challengers in his bid for re-election. He filed as a Democrat.

The primary elections are May 1, with May 15 runoffs if necessary. The general election is set for June 5.

Mardi Gras

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parade Grand Marshal Frank Wittman.

One tragedy marred the St. Paul's Parade. Bernice Dedeaux, 67, died of a massive heart attack on her family float, Krewe of Southern Pride,

while throwing beads to revelers. According to relatives, this was Dedeaux's third parade this season, including the Waveland and Diamondhead parades.

still had that great drive, but had nowhere to channel it," said Cothren.

If you are interested in meeting Cothren, call Bookends Bookstore at 467-9623.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

It is always surprising to me how things are happening today, and folks think they are new, and really they are repeats from years ago.

As an example, I am talking about the Hancock County Board of Supervisors' recent decision to clear the right-of-way along Beach Boulevard.

I can recall when Hancock County's District Five included all of Beach Boulevard in its Beat System, and in the early 1950s when the late Supervisor R.G. (Manny) Hubbard took some of the same action.

So, the placement of barriers on the right-of-way is really not a new issue, and probably were back in 1927 when the county set the right-of-way limits.

There were squawks from beach property owners then, and I am told they are already receiving them since last week's action.

Over my lifetime I have seen barriers of shrubs planted right against the north side of the roadway.

I have a feeling the reason the beach residents place the assorted types of barriers, such as pipes, ropes, shrubs, hoses, and whatever, is to keep folks from parking in front of their properties.

I am sure there are more folks wanting the items removed than wanting them to stay.

Your help is needed Saturday for the countywide cleanup sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee.

This is really a major task, but with the help of many this can become a reality.

The chamber's office has supplies, such as plastic bags, gloves, etc. for volunteers. Groups from schools, organizations, businesses, individuals, families, etc. are all invited to participate.

As usual, our beach from the Jourdan River to Bayou Caddy will be included in the cleanup, and groups wanting to participate in this section or any other section of the county may contact the chamber at 467-9048.

On the morning of the cleanup, Saturday, March 3, the chamber's office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to issue supplies, or you can pick them up today or tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some of you may just want to clean the street you live on. This would be a big help, too.

Arrangements have been made with the Board of Supervisors to have a crew make a pass from Bayou Cadet to the Jourdan River along Beach Boulevard in the afternoon to collect the bags of trash. Volunteers are asked to place the bags of debris on the beach side of the boulevard.

There are several groups, such as the Ansley/Heron Bay Civic Association, Garden Isle Community Association and Lazy River Road folks who plan on participating in the cleanup.

The reason for the cleanup is the annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage which runs from March 8-17.

Your help in whatever way you can will be greatly appreciated.

We hope to see you at the cleanup on Saturday.

By the way, do not forget, you may even find one of the "Litter Bucks" along Beach Boulevard, which can be redeemed at the chamber's office next week. They are courtesy of Basil Kennedy and Union Planters Bank.

The past week I have been noticing the blooming pear trees in our area. They have just been beautiful.

The ones on Highway 90 by both Coast Electric and Mississippi Power companies have been exceptional in solid white. I can recall not too long ago commenting how the fall colors were on the same shrubs.

Other areas of the country have special seasons, but we in Hancock County and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast have many special seasons. The beauty of our area is the envy of many.

Who says slavery had nothing to do with the Confederate emblem in the state flag?

Who says slavery had nothing to do with the Confederate emblem in Mississippi's existing state flag? That's hogwash, as the record will show.

It's all right there in black and white (no pun intended) in the language our Mississippi forebears used 140 years ago when they seceded from the Union, an act that inevitably led to Civil War.

Unequivocally, it was about slavery, as Mississippi's Secession Ordinance of April 15, 1861 clearly states in its Declaration.

The second paragraph of that

document begins: "Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery - the greatest material interest in the world. Its labor supplies the product which constitutes by far the largest and most important portions of the commerce of the earth."

The document goes on: "These products are peculiar to the climate verging on the tropical regions, and by an imperious law of nature, none but the black race can bear exposure to the tropical sun."

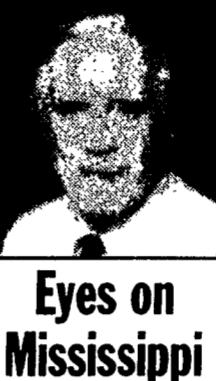
"These products have become necessities of the world, and a

blow at slavery is a blow at commerce and civilization. That blow has long been aimed at the institution and was at the point of reaching its consummation.

"There was no choice left but submission to the mandates of abolition, or a dissolution of the Union, whose principles had been subverted to work out our ruin,"

Pretty stout words, huh? Of course today, those words are painful

evidence that Mississippi's white leadership of those times considered Negroes mere chat-



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

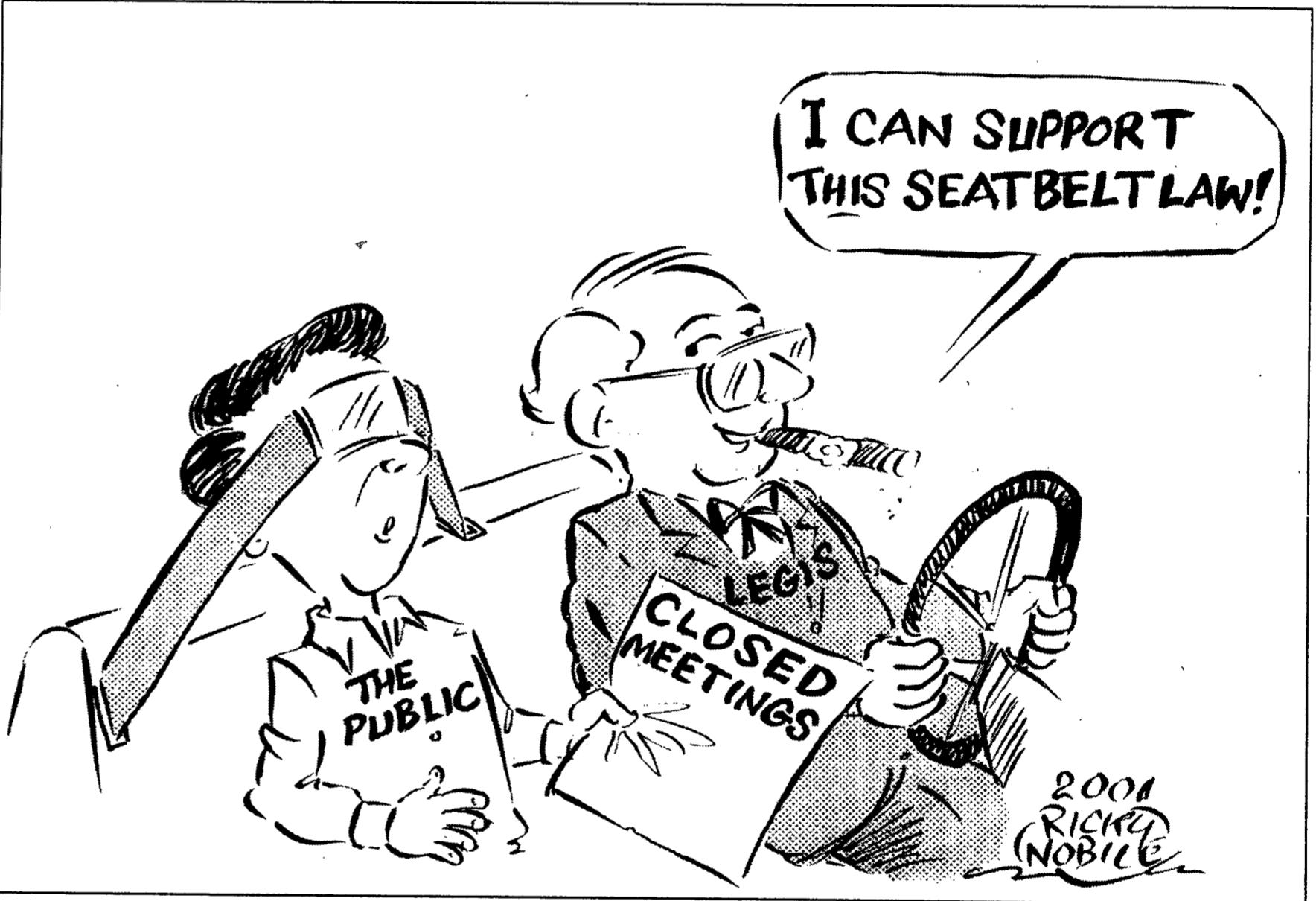
tels, objects of property, owned solely to work the cotton fields. Not human beings.

There is strong implication in the secession document couched in romantic terms ("What lies ahead will test the heroism, the nobler qualities of our race...") that they were willing to go to war to protect their human "property."

It's true, of course, as Civil War historian Jay Winik pointed out in a recent article, few of the foot soldiers - the grunts as they were labeled in World War II - owned slaves.

Further, he says, the average Confederate soldier probably never saw a battle flag with the

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Letters to the Editor

Why Mississippi needs a new flag design

Letter to Editor:

The Legislative Black Caucus on Tuesday, Feb. 13, began a concentrated push toward the goal of changing Mississippi's state flag in the 1917 statewide election.

We believe our state stands on the threshold of true greatness. Even though our economy has leveled off and we are facing some tough budget decisions in the Legislature, Mississippi is enjoying good times economically.

Our unemployment rate in recent times has been lower than ever before in the state's history. With the arrival soon of the Nissan Corporation, we should expect our economy to improve even more.

It is our belief that to maintain the progress made in our state in recent year in so many areas, Mississippi's people must make the decision to change the state flag and adopt one that truly unites all of our citizens.

Let us all know that the world is watching us. Corporate leadership all over this country with an eye on expansion of their company will want to know on the evening of April 17 how the vote went in Mississippi.

Some will make a decision to come here no matter what happens because the work ethic of Mississippi's workforce is recognized nationwide for giving employers an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. That's what has brought Nissan to our doorstep.

Other companies may decide that as long as Mississippi flies a flag of separation, they will have to conduct their operations elsewhere. And we cannot afford to waste a single economic opportunity.

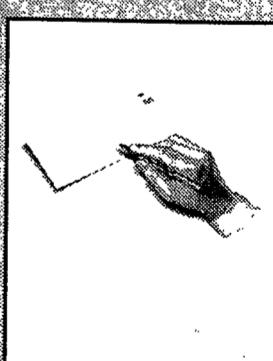
We hope Mississippi sends a message to the world on April 17 that our citizens want a better Mississippi, one that brings all of our people together with a desire to move forward, not backwards.

With the recent decision in Georgia to adopt a new flag, Mississippi now stands alone as the only state flying a flag that divides its people. We can change that on April 17. Mississippi can say that from this day forward, we are a united people.

God bless the great State of Mississippi.
s/State Rep. Rufus E. Straughter
Belzoni, Mississippi

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Why is Waveland's revenue rising while Bay St. Louis' falls?

Dear Sir:

I read with great concern the sales tax figures in Sunday's paper. Bay St. Louis dropped in sales tax from December 1999 to December 2000 by a staggering 24.3% (December 1999 - \$108,458, December 2000 - \$82,046).

Waveland, however, is growing based on these same sales tax figures which shows an increase of 13.4% from December 1999.

Waveland is growing while Bay St. Louis is shrinking. Why? I would like to hear from our political candidates what their plans are to correct this

alarming trend. We must be doing something wrong!

The candidates who win city positions are the leaders who must solve this and many other problems the City of Bay St. Louis currently faces or will face in the future.

We should hear the candidates' position on issues such as the loss of sales tax revenue, downtown parking, street upgrades, etc.

The Sea Coast Echo could be the vehicle where these positions are presented to all interested voters.

Carl R. Daricek
Bay St. Louis

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Chamber cleanup set for Saturday, Mar. 3

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee is sponsoring its annual county-wide cleanup for Saturday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The cleanup is in preparation for the 54th Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage which is March 8-17.

The Chamber's Beautification Committee's theme for 2001 is "Litter Free Begins with Me."

As part of its "Litter Free Begins with Me" campaign, the Hancock Chamber will provide necessary supplies for clean-up volunteers throughout the county.

Groups or individuals may pre-register for the cleanup in advance by calling 467-9048 today or Friday, or at the chamber office on Saturday morning beginning at 7:30. Supplies for the cleanup will be available at the chamber.

As an encouragement for participation, Basil Kennedy of Union Planters Bank will once again place "Litter Bucks" along Beach Boulevard. The "Litter Bucks" can be redeemed at the chamber office on Monday following the cleanup.

One of the primary areas to be cleaned will be Beach Boulevard from Bayou Caddy to the mouth of the Jourdan River.

The chamber office will also

be assigning sections of the beach to student groups, civic groups, family members, organizations, and industries. For information, call the chamber at 467-9048.

Groups from schools, churches, businesses, industries, civic organizations and individuals are all invited and encouraged to participate in the cleanup.

Betsy Ashman, chamber vice-chair of the Beautification Committee said, "While we have seen more people involved over the years in our cleanup efforts, I would like to see much more participation."

Ashman continued, "Our area is still improving in appearance, and a lot of that goes to the efforts of our concerned officials from our two cities and county."

Darlene Underwood, Extension home economist said, "We now have the Mardi Gras parades behind us, but we still have the annual St. Patrick's Day parade coming up in Waveland, and I would like to urge parade goers that they can help in our clean-up efforts by bagging their trash at the parade and taking it home to properly dispose of it. The help of everyone is needed for us to see our community the way

we would like it to be seen by visitors to our area."

Lynn Bell, president of the Garden Isles Community Association, reported their organization will have volunteers from their area cleaning up their community on Saturday.

Bell said, "If everyone did their part by disposing of litter properly, plus reach out a little beyond themselves in collecting the litter around us, then we would make a significant impact on our community."

She added, "It will take a team effort of persons of all ages, and that includes our youngsters, oldsters and all ages in between to make this a reality. We all walk over, around, or whatever about the litter around us in our communities, yet very few of us take the initiative to stop and pick it up. I am hoping that on Saturday there will be a complete effort by folks coming out and helping us rid our county of litter."

Kennedy, a longtime member of the chamber's Beautification Committee and also a person who himself collects litter on a regular basis said, "Collecting litter is one of the greatest things since red beans. It is great we get the youngsters out on our cleanups because if gives them a lasting impression on the importance of keeping our community clean. In addition, it sure helps when they are accompanied by a parent, as children gain knowledge by following their parents."

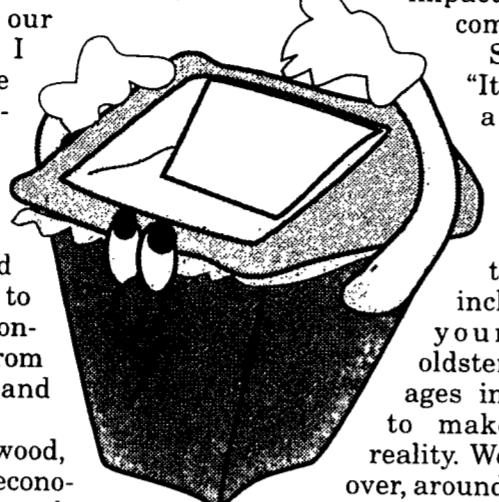
Gordon Crooks, president of the Ansley Heron Bay Civic Association, (formerly Ansley-Lakeshore Civic Association), reported Monday his group will have some 20 volunteers out to clean up their community on Saturday.

Crooks said, "We will start at the end of Heron Bay Road and work the three and one-half miles to Lower Bay Road and also some of the connecting roads. We will begin at 8 a.m. and finish about noon."

Sue Duffy, coordinator for the Lazy River Road area reports that she and her group plan on participating in the March cleanup.

The chamber's beautification chairman is Ellis C. Cuevas, and the committee holds monthly meetings at the chamber's office. Any citizen concerned about beautification is encouraged to attend. Just give the chamber a call at 467-9048 for the meeting date and time.

Rain day for the cleanup is Saturday, March 10.



Salvation Army helps storm victims in Pontotoc County

The Salvation Army has two Disaster Canteens serving meals to tornado victims and repair crews in Pontotoc, Miss. The Salvation Army Disaster Canteen from Birmingham, Ala., is set up at the Pontotoc Agri-Center feeding victims of the deadly storms, and the Tupelo Canteen is traveling in Pontotoc County feeding disaster response workers and victims.

The Salvation Army Disaster Team canteens have served 11,067 meals, 769 gallons of water and 500 pounds of ice, 5,000 drinks and 2,500 snacks to people in Pontotoc County since the tornado struck on Saturday.

The Salvation Army Disaster Canteens will help feed and

provide disaster relief supplies to people affected by the tornado until recovery.

The Salvation Army needs 10 canteen drivers to assist with the mass feeding efforts in Pontotoc. Volunteers interested in driving should contact John Taylor at (662) 791-1068.

Kerosene heaters, 2x4's, hammers, nails are all needed items. All goods donations should be delivered to the Pontotoc Agri-Center located at 430 CJ Hardin Road, Pontotoc.

To help with Salvation Army disaster relief efforts, monetary donations marked "Disaster Relief" may be mailed to The Salvation Army ALM Divisional Headquarters, P.O. Box 4857, Jackson, MS 39296-4857.

The Salvation Army Disaster Canteens will help feed and

machines across the state. A copy of a general sample ballot is available on the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.ms.us).

Absentee voting will begin on Monday, March 5. The normal legal guidelines for voting by absentee ballot apply for the flag election.

In order to vote in the flag election, eligible Mississippi voters must be registered by 5 p.m. on March 16.

Citizens may register with their Circuit Clerk or by using a mail-in voter registration form.

A mail-in voter registration form is available from your county Circuit Clerk or from the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.ms.us).

Official sample ballots for the flag election are available from your county Circuit Clerk. The ballots are customized to accommodate different voting

Multiple Sclerosis Walk

The Multiple Sclerosis Walk 2001 will start and finish in front of city hall on Coleman Avenue in Waveland Saturday, March 31. Volunteer walkers will travel a route along the beach that is approximately five miles.

Some 72 percent of the pledges generated by the walk will go directly to the communities and Mississippians who have MS. The 28 percent remaining will go toward research to help in finding a cure for the disease.

Multiple Sclerosis attacks the nervous system. It can cause numbness, blindness, paralysis and other devastating symptoms. Generally diagnosed between age 20-40, its physical and emotional effects are lifelong.

Many people in our community have been diagnosed with MS and new cases are appearing with alarming frequency.

You may volunteer to collect pledges, walk or help organize this event. Volunteer sign-up cards, pledge cards and walk registration cards are available at Waveland City Hall.

For information, call 467-7167 or contact the Mississippi Chapter of the National MS Society at 1-800-344-4867.

There will be an organizational meeting Monday, March 12 at 6 p.m. at Rickey's.

Selling oysters illegally results in jail time, fines

After a three-year investigation that included Grand Jury testimonies, two people with the now defunct Fountain Seafood Inc. of Cameron, La. have been sentenced to jail time and fines.

They were sentenced for illegally harvesting and selling oysters and violating the federal Lacey Act which regulates interstate commerce.

Their sentences were pronounced on January 25, 2001, by Federal District Judge James Trimble of the Lake Charles Court.

Roosevelt Fountain Senior was sentenced to 30 months in jail and a \$1,400 Crime Victims

assessment (a fund in Louisiana that aids crime victims).

His daughter and the bookkeeper for the company, Shirley Fountain Ellison, was sentenced to 37 months in jail and a \$1,500 Crime Victims assessment.

The inactive Fountain Seafood, Inc. was fined \$5,000. In an eight-day jury trial in August 2000, Fountain Sr. was convicted of 13 of 14 felony Lacey Act violations.

Ellison was convicted of 15 of 16 felony Lacey Act violations and was found guilty of Obstruction of Justice for turning over known false records to

AARP 55 driver training set for Whitney Bank, Gulfport

Whitney National Bank, downtown Gulfport, will sponsor an AARP 55 Driver Safety Program Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13-14.

Arrival time for Tuesday is 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 9 a.m. Class will let out at 1 p.m. Instructor is Herb Carnathan.

The eight-hour refresher course is developed by the American Association of Retired Persons and is designed to help the older driver improve driving skills and prevent traffic accidents.

On completion of the course, participants will receive a discount from their automobile insurance company.

The \$10 registration fee is paid to AARP during registration the first day of class. Participants are asked to bring their driver's license.

To register, call Herb or Betty Carnathan at (228) 864-9487.

Parking can be found in the Whitney lot behind the bank and along the north side of 13th Street in Gulfport.

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Eyes

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Southern Cross, the emblem that has become emotionally divisive here, and in other Southern states which later incorporated it in their state banner.

Because the Southern Cross was the battle flag used by Lee's famed Army of Northern Virginia, Winik writes, "it has evolved as a poignant symbol of Confederate memory."

Winik, an authority on Robert E. Lee, strongly believes that Lee himself would reject the popularization of the Southern Cross in the manner it has been used.

He offers this advice to Mississippians: "Change (your) flag, not as a rejection of the Confederate experience, but because, in the end, your attachment is not limited to the Confederate legacy." He adds "none taught this lesson better than Robert E. Lee, whose soldiers popularized the Southern Cross."

Now, Mississippi is left as the only state that prominently displays the Confederate battle emblem in its flag and pressure is mounting from every business and cultural sector to get rid of the symbol before it becomes a huge burden that will stifle state economic development and national acceptance.

The Nissan people got word

to Gov. Ronnie Musgrove that they didn't want to come into Mississippi and get caught up in boycott against the state over the flag and pushed him to step up his efforts to have the new flag approved.

Same word came from the NCAA to Mississippi State University that it could forget about hosting any more regional college baseball tournaments as long as the old flag stayed.

As those of us who are long-time observers of the political scene here well know, Mississippi doesn't make changes easily and adopting a new flag is going to take a whale of an organized campaign to get it done.

We're seeing, at last, some signs that the business community and the chambers of commerce around the state are becoming mobilized to back the flag change. That well-known sports figures and coaches have been speaking out lately for the new flag is also not coincidental.

Soon to come will be a professional state campaign organization to change the flag not unlike one to elect a governor of the state.

A lot of people in Mississippi are at last beginning to realize that if the new flag loses, they too have a lot to lose.

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Standing in front of the Cool Cat Board are some of the 58 members of the Cool Cats Club in Mrs. Owen's Computer Discovery Class. To join the club, students had to complete a three-minute timed writing with less than 10 errors and average 30 WPM.

Cool cats do 30 at Bay-Waveland Middle School!

Cool cats do 30! Thirty words per minute that is. In today's fast-paced life to do 30 in any kind of speed competition would be slow, but not if you are keyboarding.

The students in the computer discovery classes at Bay-Waveland Middle School, as part of the state's Tech Prep program, are learning proper keyboarding (typing) techniques and how to keyboard by touch.

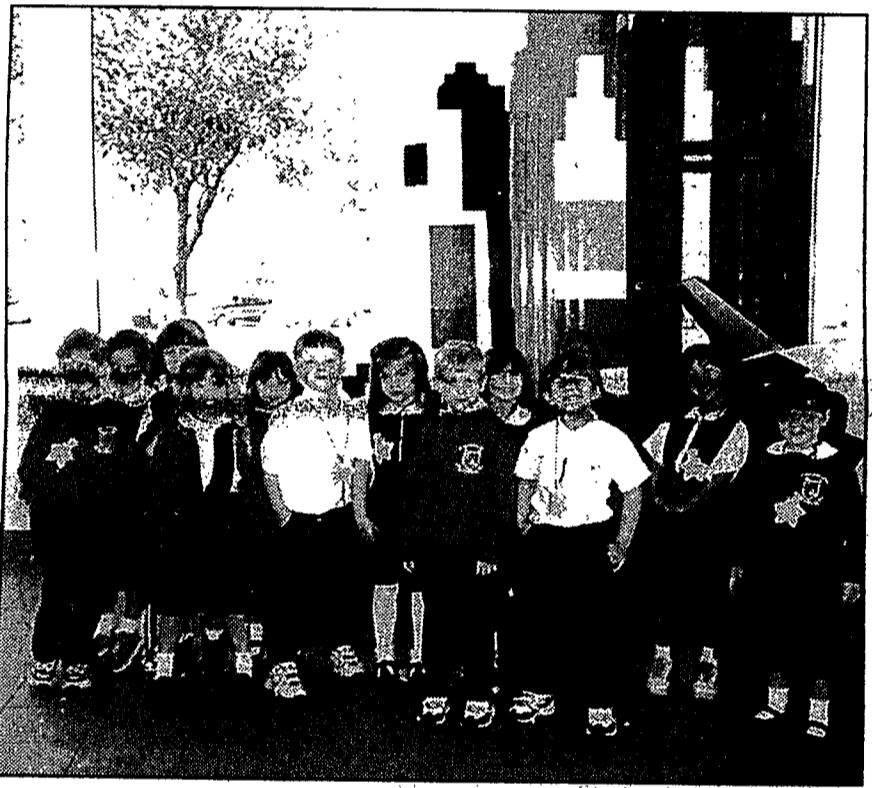
"This is a big accomplishment for our students," said Pam Owen, Computer Discovery teacher at BWM. "This program is wonderful. It allows the students to learn a skill they would not normally have been exposed to until the

later high school years. It gives them a good start on preparing themselves for college or career. The confidence that it gives the students is beyond measure."

Owen is quite pleased with the performance of her students. Out of the 86 students enrolled in her class, 59 have reached their goal and are striving for even higher speeds.

In this class speed and accuracy excel, and so does the student. To keep up with the progress of Owen's Computer Discovery class and the Cool Cats Club, log on to www.Schoonotes.com and go to Owen's web site.

It is updated daily with information about the class and its progress.



Kindergarten students from St. Paul Catholic School in Pass Christian visit the StenniSphere at the Stennis Space Center.

St. Paul Elementary visits StenniSphere

Kindergarten students from St. Paul Catholic Elementary School in Pass Christian took a field trip to the StenniSphere at the John C. Stennis Space Center Feb. 7.

The students first traveled to the Launch Pad at the Mississippi Welcome Center west of Bay St. Louis. There they took a bus to the StenniSphere. Here they had fun learning while playing at the hands-on museum and saw a movie about living in space.

The highlight of the day was

seeing NASA's International Space Station. The students were especially excited to discover that when the International Space Station is finished in five years, it will be the third brightest light in the night sky.

St. Paul Catholic Elementary School is accredited by the Mississippi Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. To learn more about St. Paul, call 452-7359.

The highlight of the day was

the launch of the space shuttle Endeavour.

The students were able to see the shuttle launching from the window of the StenniSphere.

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Honor Rolls

OLA second term honor roll

Sister Donella Hartman, R.S.M., principal of Our Lady Academy, has announced the OLA Honor Roll for the second term of the 2000-2001 school year.

Fifty-six percent of the students in grades 7-12 were recognized for their achievement.

Thirty-nine students achieved the All-A Alpha Honor Roll (4.0).

They are:

Seniors:

Elizabeth Chilimigras, Amber Lewis, Samantha Neal, Nora Oliver, Jill Rutherford

Juniors:

Colleen Bartholomew, Erica Benvenutti, Mikki Kenny

Sophomores:

Alicia Asper, Erin Jackson, Nicole McDonald, Katherine Milner, Sarah Moodie, Julie Reboul

Freshmen:

Anne Bradley, Teddi Calamusa, Rachel Cranford, Sarah Crowe, Lauren Forte, Vada McNally, Candace Mixon, Amanda Monti, Kira Reaver

Eighth Grade:

Jennifer Asper, Laurie Benvenutti, Christine Bratton, Christy Gleber, Nikki Harshbarger, Elissa Kergosien, Megan Maher, Therese Sison, Brett Walsh

Seventh Grade:

Margaret Casey, Bernadette DeRusy, Ruth Franke, Samantha Goodfellow, Aubrey Hamm, Laura Kergosien, Mary Maher

Forty-seven students earned the Alpha Honor Roll with scores between 3.5 and 3.9. They are:

Seniors:

Ashley Alford, Rachael Dauo, Ashley Roth

Juniors:

Sheila Barter, Melissa Chapoton, Adrienne Kren, Renee Romain, Kathryn Warren

Sophomores:

Clare Adam, DeNira Dedeaux, Christina Fonte, Jennifer Fortenberry, Jacqueline Herber, Michelle Lady, Jennifer Loftus, Katy Looney, Ashley Timidaiski

Freshmen:

Virginia Aldredge, Lauren Goulet, Karen Keel, Miriam Ladner, Leanne LaFrance, Jeanne Pitre

Eighth Grade:

Dionna Bush, Kolbi Cameron, Kathryn Corr, Jane Covington, Ellen Dauterive, Jordan Jones, Lauren Notter

Seventh Grade:

Kristen Abraham, Rachel Cvetas, Samantha Greer, Katherine Guichet, Caroline Haas, Margaret Hadden, Nicole Hoda, Emily Hoff, Whitney Lyons, Colleen O'Brien, Alyse Prieur, Amanda Puchea, Megan Robinson, Kaylee Schmitt, Catherine Smith, Jordan Stefano, Morgan Tucker

Sixty-seven students made the Beta Honor Roll (3.0 - 3.4). They are:



From left, Mrs. Gilmore, Jlean Baldree, Willow Nero, Elisabeth Krass, Robin Fletcher and Ashley Ladner.

A major whodunit?

Crime on campus? Mysterious happenings in the 8th grade hall? Not at Bay-Waveland Middle School. It's only Mrs. Gilmore and her science classes learning about fingerprints and how they differ from person to person.

As a learning tool Gilmore's

USM fall Dean's List released

The University of Southern Mississippi Dean's List has been released for the 2000 fall semester.

Dean's List scholars are those with at least a 3.25 grade-point average but less than a 4.0.

Students recognized from the local area include:

Bay St. Louis

Ryan Bunch, Jeremy Compretta, Michelle Cuevas, Katie Lynn Dedeaux, Mathew Dillenkoffer, Elizabeth Drummond, Amy Lynn Dunn, Louis Dyer, Kacey Edwards, John Erwin, Heather Jenkins, Mylon Labat, Brantley Ladner, Jennifer Oliver, Rachel Perniciaro and Natalie Smith

Diamondhead

Pearl L. Thompson

Lakeport

Hezekiah Thompson

Waveland

Kelly Bourdeau, Ellen Felder, Kristi Ferguson, Alexis Koskan,

Robin Mason, Lauren Savage

and Stacy Schiro

Diamondhead

Elizabeth Armstrong, John Baker, Elizabeth Breckenridge,

Shannon Breland, Sharon Easley, Ginny Shaw, Stacey Slater, Michel Smith and David Taylor

Pearlport

Hezekiah Thompson

Waveland

Kelly Bourdeau, Ellen Felder,

Kristi Ferguson, Alexis Koskan,

Robin Mason, Lauren Savage

and Stacy Schiro

Mahler named to Dean's List

Sarah Marie Mahler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mahler of Pass Christian, was named to the Dean's List by Dr. Matthew A. Beemer, vice president for Academic Affairs at Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2000 fall semester. This was a result of earning a B average or higher.

Pensacola Christian College is a liberal arts college enrolling students from every state in the U.S. and more than 65 foreign countries.

Pensacola Christian College has an enrollment of approximately 4,350 students in its undergraduate and graduate programs and offers over 60 programs of study.

Southern Mississippi President's List released

The University of Southern Mississippi President's List has been released for the 2000 fall semester.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade-point average (all A's).

Students recognized from the local area include:

Bay St. Louis

Jessica Pearce and Julie Summers

Diamondhead

Pamela Niles, Jennifer Oriol, Elisabeth Ann Stegall and Patsy Thomas

Pass Christian

Ashley Easley, Jaime Jenkins and Stephen Lee

Waveland

Jessica Pearce and Julie Summers

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Quinlan named to dean's list

Loyola University New Orleans announced its dean's list for the Spring 2000 semester for students completing the semester with a 3.5 grade point average or higher. The area student was Meredith M. Quinlan of Waveland.

Based on the heritage of Catholic Jesuit higher education in Louisiana since 1849, Loyola University New Orleans was chartered in 1912.

Today, the university serves approximately 5,550 undergraduate and graduate students. The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Visit Loyola University New Orleans on the World Wide Web at www.loyno.edu.

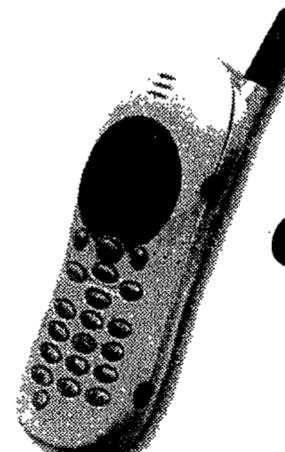
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The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present The Three Penny Opera, The Last Broadcast, a play adapted by Ray Kutos from the book by Bertolt Brecht with music by Kurt Weill.

The play will be staged Fridays and Saturdays March 9, 10 and 16, 17 at 8 p.m. at the Playhouse at 301 Boardman Avenue.

Admission is adults \$12, children \$9.

For information call 467-2587.

A renegade theatrical troupe takes over a German radio station to broadcast their black comedy about public and private corruption, a work despised and banned by the Nazis.

By participating in this production of the musical, the performers risk their lives. The play's villains are superb: London's most notorious criminal, Mack the Knife; Mack's best friend and protector, Tiger Brown, the high Sheriff; Mr. Peachum, King of the Beggars, who extracts his cut; colorful women like the brassy Mrs. Peachum; her daughter, Polly, who is not as pure as she looks; and Pirate Jenny, a power among the ladies of the night.

Its heroes are the play's performers who frolic through the lines and famous songs of this classic work until they are overcome by the evil force of Nazism.

The crew includes Director Ray Kutos, Producer Edith Back, House Manager Julianne Stoltz; props and costumes, Carol Kerr; Dialogue Coach Nan Ehrbright, light and sound, Ray Kutos; set design and construction, Ray Kutos, Dick Ehrbright, Stennis Harrison and Stephen Kutos.

The cast includes Martin Booda, Mack the Knife; David Chavers, Mr. Peachum, Beggar King; Marby Shon, Polly Peachum; Sandy Higdon, Mrs. Peachum; Gary Taylor, Street Singer; Elaine Glover, Pirate Jenny; Dick Ehrbright, Sheriff Tiger Brown; Lann Owen, Beggar Filch; Stephen Kutos and Doc Toups, Matt of the Mint; Kyle Russell and Bob Sellers, Walt; Marilyn Timms, Lady of the Night; Tango Dancers, Jeannette Stephens and Ruben Alvarez; and musicians, Kim Cheek, pianist; Vickie Heidingspelder, violinist; Gigi Sandburg, keyboardist; and Bill Gleaton, accordionist.

Coming up:
The Harry and Sam Dialogue by Karen Ellison

Director: Marty Fitzgerald

Friday, Saturday May 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8 p.m.



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Sunday May 13 at 2 p.m.

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Two lifelong friends enjoy their constant banter especially the off-the-wall questions they burl at each other. Underneath this seemingly innocent fun are the keys to their individual characters, which ultimately clash, driving them apart. But there's a touching sweetness at the play's end.

For information, call Marty at 467-2907.

Advance ticket sales:

Advance ticket sales for all BSLLT season shows will be available from the following local merchants: Flying Cups and Saucers, across from the Depot in Bay St. Louis, Gifts by the Bay, 113-A Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis; Morning Market, 101 Scenic Dr., Pass Christian, and The Purple Snapper, 209 1/2

Main St., Bay St. Louis.

Student productions:

Alice in Wonderland Based on the Lewis Carroll Classic

Director: Jay Coker Friday and Saturday March 23 and 24 at 7 p.m., Sunday March 25 at 2 p.m.

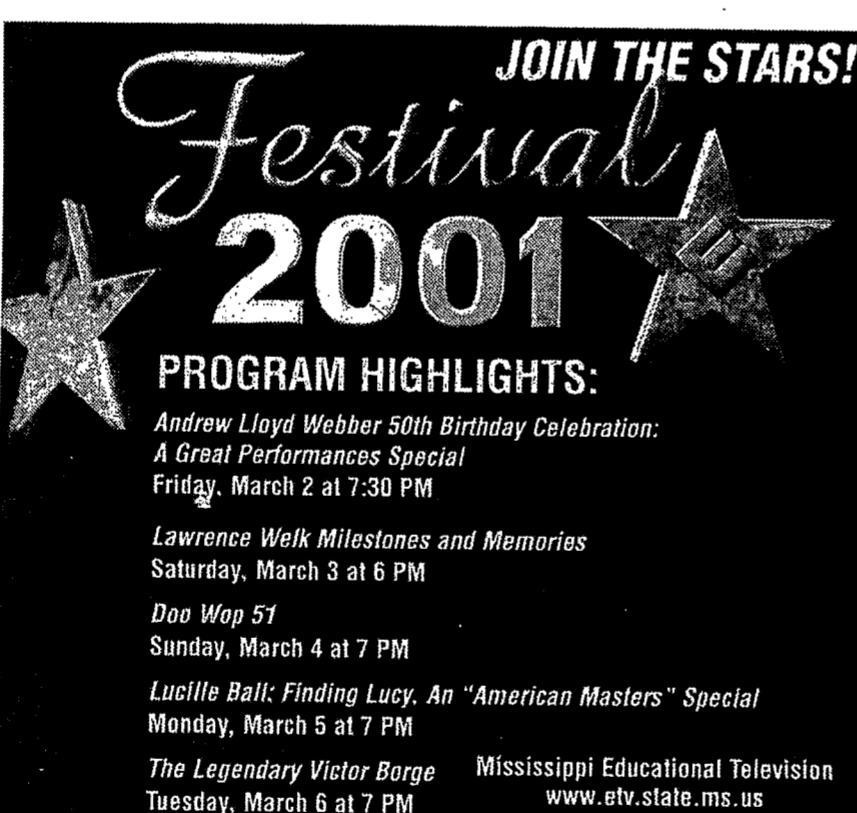
Admission: Adults \$9, children \$7.

Performed by the students of Hancock High School drama coach Jay Coker.

For information, call Jay at 466-6558.

And, Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory A play with music by Raoul Dahl

Director: Ray Kutos Admission: Adults \$12, children \$9. Performed by Ray's fifth grade students of Coast Episcopal School. For information, call Ray at 452-7761.



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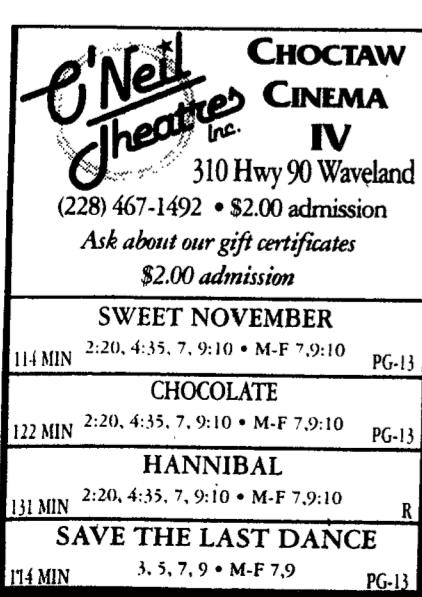
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SPORTS

Hancock Hawks host six-team tourney on baseball diamond

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Hancock High School in Kiln was the host for the Sports Medicine Specialists of Mississippi Showdown baseball tournament on Saturday, February 24. The tournament field was set up as a Harrison County versus Hancock County. The area school came out on the short end as Harrison County racked up six wins in the one-day event. The teams participating were Bay High, Hancock, St. Stanislaus, Pass Christian, Long Beach, and Mercy Cross.

SSC dropped two games during the day while Bay High split two games. Hancock tallied one win against two losses on the diamond.

The Rocks lost to Long Beach 3-2 and Mercy Cross 4-3. Bay High nipped the Pirates of Pass Christian 7-6 and were blanked by Long Beach 10-0. The Hawks got their only win of the day with a 3-2 decision over Mercy Cross. Hancock dropped games against Long Beach 10-5 and Pass Christian 7-4.

Three times in five games the Rocks have come up short in one-run games. In their first game against Long Beach, the Rocks (2-3) received two hits from Stephen Kulikowski as their only offense. In the second game against the Crusaders, the Rocks got one hit from Evan Coot and one from Neil Favre. SSC head coach Will Seymour commented, "We are just not getting the hits when we need them. As a team, we are struggling at the plate." Evan Coote and Stephen Kulikowski made the All-Tournament team for the Rocks.

The Tigers pounded out a win against the Pirates 7-6 in their game on Saturday. Brandon Strong tallied two hits and two RBIs for the Tigers. The Pirates had some offense, as well, during their trips to the plate. Darren Henderson, John Cuevas, and Jarrod Malley each collected two hits for Pass High.

Bay High (2-4) jumped out to a 7-0 lead before the Pirates mounted a six-run rally in the bottom of the fifth inning with the tournament today.

Area soccer players claim honors

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Now that the soccer season is over, it is time to bestow the awards. Several area athletes have been named to All-Division, All-State, or All-Star teams.

St. Stanislaus and OLA led the way for the area athletes with several nominees on each team. SSC reached the Final Four for the second straight year while OLA repeated as Class 1A-2A-3A state champions.

SSC claimed six spots on the Division 7 Class 4A first team with Mike Fitzmaurice, Peter Doty, Neil Favre, David Heaps, Matt Powell, and Bruce Breland all getting the nod. Chase Sackett of Hancock was also named to the first team.

Jimmy Strickland and Kyle Lewis were named to the second team from SSC. Guy Alleman and Eric Lymuel made the Class 1A-2A-3A All-State first team from OLA.

David Heaps and Neil Favre made the 2001 Coca-Cola All-Star team for the South squad.

SSC head coach will serve as the second team for the Bay High Tigers. Kendall Ladner

and Chris White, both of Hancock, made the second team.

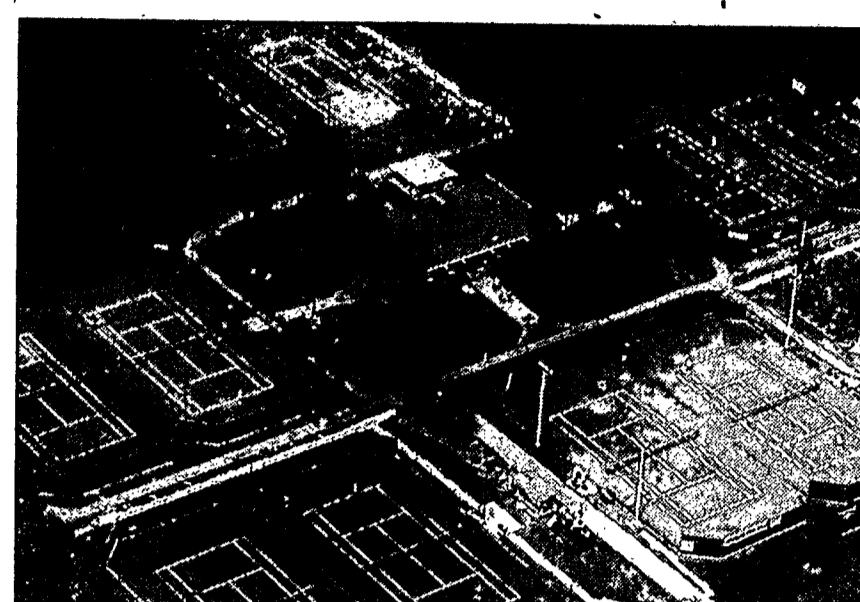
Stephen Kulikowski of SSC was picked as an honorable mention selection. Jason Oliver and Brandon Strong made the honorable mention listing for the Bay High Tigers. Jimmy Villareal was the lone Hawk selection to the honorable mention team.

SSC had five players named to the Class 4A boys All-State soccer team. Kulikowski and Heaps made the first team while Doty and Lewis both made the second team. Favre made the honorable mention team for SSC.

Ellen Ladner, Emily Meyers, and Ashley Chrisman made the Class 1A-2A-3A All-State first team from OLA.

David Heaps and Neil Favre made the 2001 Coca-Cola All-Star team for the South squad. SSC head coach will serve as the second team for the Bay High Tigers. Kendall Ladner

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The Diamondhead Tennis World has been selected by the United States Tennis Association as the venue for the Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships for the fourth year in a row because it is a full-service tennis facility with 10 clay courts, a pro shop with tennis fashions for men and women, racquet sales and stringing, a glass enclosed clubhouse, a spacious veranda, men's and women's locker rooms, shower facilities, and a USTA certified teaching pro. (Photo by Liz Wagner Maio)

Diamondhead Tennis World welcomes USTA Senior Women's Clay Court Championships April 2-8

By Liz Wagner Maio

"The deadline to enter the United States Tennis Association Senior Women's Clay Court Championships at Diamondhead Tennis World is March 21," said Director of Tennis Steve Garman at the Tennis Committee meeting Wednesday.

The Championships will be Monday, April 2-8 at Diamondhead Tennis World for the fourth year.

Many players are returning to defend their titles, including Do Do Cheney of La Jolla, Calif., who now has 312 national titles, a record which is probably unbreakable. The male record holder is Gardner Mulloy with 120 titles.

About 100 women from all over the world are expected to play on the 10 clay courts at Diamondhead. In addition to the beautifully groomed clay courts, Diamondhead Tennis World has a pro shop, a glass enclosed clubhouse, a spacious veranda, men's and women's locker rooms, shower facilities, and a USTA certified teaching pro.

Play will be both singles and doubles in three age categories, 60's, 70's, and 80's.

Sponsorships for the tournament are still available, and any business interested in the sponsor benefits packages should call Steve Garman at 255-5030.

Many Diamondhead merchants and Old Town Bay St. Louis merchants have donated gifts for door prizes at the welcome party for the players at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Members of the Tournament Committee including Garman are Al Cronich, former president of the Diamondhead Property Owners Association; Lisa Dickinson, tournament director, of Ocean Springs; Betty Miller, tournament chairman, of Pass Christian; Liz Maio of Bay St. Louis; Linda Williams, Christine Langevin, Jinky Underwood, Lou DeLong, Will Clark, Stan Robards and Howard Romergusa, all of Diamondhead.

The public is invited to watch the matches free of charge.

Call Diamondhead Tennis World at 228-255-5030 for information.

OLA Track Schedule

March 3	Gulfport Relays	varsity
March 7	Hancock Workmeet	7/8 varsity
* March 9	SSC Workmeet	7/8 varsity
March 14	Tiger Relays (Bay High)	varsity
March 21	Hawk Relays (Hancock High)	7/8 varsity
* March 26	Junior Rock Relays (SSC)	7/8
March 28	Rock Relays (SSC)	varsity
March 31	Gaston Hewes (Gulfport)	varsity
* April 4	Sun Coast Conf. (Bay High)	7/8 varsity
April 10	Catholic Schools Meet	7/8 varsity
April 21	Division Meet	varsity
April 28	Regional Meet	varsity
May 5	South State Meet	varsity
May 12	State Meet	varsity
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Ten Star All Star basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

Boys, ages 8-19 and girls, 10-19 may apply. Players are selected by invitation only.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta and Trajan Langdon.

Camp locations include Lebanon, Tenn.; Redlands, Calif.; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Sackville, N.B. Canada; Babson Park, Fla.; Gainesville, Ga.; Champaign, Ill.; Macomb, Ill.; Green castle, Ind.; Atchison, Kan.; Midway, Ky.; Hillsdale, Mich.; Saint Paul, Minn.; Fayette, Mo.; Rochester, N.Y.; Boiling Springs, N.C.; North Canton, Ohio; Lock Haven Pa.; Bristol, R.I.; Commerce, Texas; Fort Worth, Texas; Blacksburg, Va.; and Olympia, Wash.

College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team.

Camp locations include Lebanon, Tenn.; Redlands, Calif.; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Sackville, N.B. Canada; Babson

Park, Fla.; Gainesville, Ga.; Champaign, Ill.; Macomb, Ill.; Green castle, Ind.; Atchison, Kan.; Midway, Ky.; Hillsdale, Mich.; Saint Paul, Minn.; Fayette, Mo.; Rochester, N.Y.; Boiling Springs, N.C.; North Canton, Ohio; Lock Haven Pa.; Bristol, R.I.; Commerce, Texas; Fort Worth, Texas; Blacksburg, Va.; and Olympia, Wash.

For an evaluation form, call (704) 568-6801 anytime.

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Babe Ruth Baseball League registration

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League will have registration for 13-15-year-olds on Monday, March 12, 5-7 p.m., Monday, March 19, 5-7 p.m., and Wednesday, April 11, 5-7 p.m.

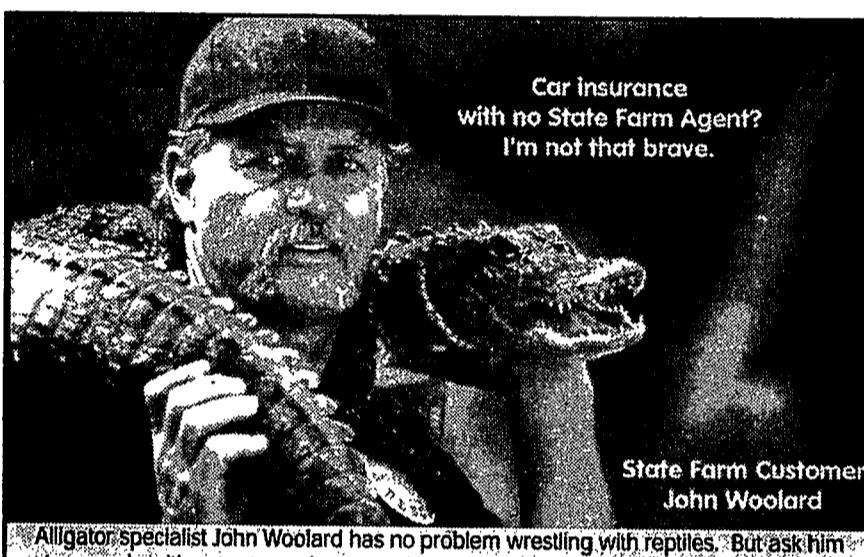
All registrations will be at the Bay St. Louis Baseball Complex on Athletic Drive.

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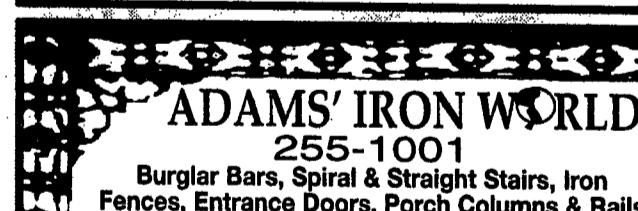
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**WILLIAM BRELAND**

William E. "Bill" Breland, 64, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Breland was a native of Camp Rolands, Miss., and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member and past deacon of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. He was retired as vice president after 42 years of service with Merchants and Whitney banks. He was a member of the Jaycees of Bay St. Louis, Bay-Waveland School Board, Bay-Waveland Little League & Babe Ruth League Board and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. He received the award for the Outstanding Young Man of Mississippi and the Hancock County Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edrin E. and Beatrice D. Breland; and two sisters, Marilyn Macuick and Marion Nell Koenenn.

Survivors include his wife, Noleen L. Breland of Bay St. Louis; four sons and wives, William Clark and Georgia K. Breland, Mark E. and Kelyn Kidd Breland, Keith N. and Jennifer S. Breland, and Craig M. and Tera L. Breland, all of Bay St. Louis; a daughter and husband, Kerri Breland and Chris Frigo of Bay St. Louis; brother and sister-in-law, Larry E. and Sherlyn Breland of Bay St. Louis; and 13 grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, March 1, 7-10 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis followed by interment in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 141 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

BERNICE G. DEDEAUX
 Bernice G. Dedeaux, 66, of Gulfport, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Dedeaux was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. C. Dedeaux; and her parents, Maybin and Luzenia Necease Cuevas.

Thank You



Vennie Gasper Pizzolato

The family of Vennie Gasper Pizzolato (Pink Panther) would like to thank everyone for the kindness and prayers you extended to us during our time of grief. We would especially like to thank Deputy Albert Biehl and the Hancock County authorities. Coroner Norma Stiglet and her office, Bay St. Louis Police Department, Judge Tommy Carver, Sr., Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, employees of Grand Casino Gulfport, Danny O'Neal and employees, Hancock Paramedics, Bay St. Louis Fire Department, Diamondhead Florist, friends and family, and Clint Anderson (for believing in Vennie). If we have left anyone out... please accept our sincere gratefulness.

With loving gratitude,
 Jane Pizzolato and Family

Survivors include sons Kevin Dedeaux and Tyler Dedeaux, both of Gulfport; daughters Brenda Dedeaux of Bay St. Louis, Gwen Cuevas of Lizana, Neva Bohlen of Gulfport, Wanda Ladner of Dedeaux and Rhonda D. West and Tammy Wilson, both of Lizana; brothers Floyd Cuevas, Darnell Cuevas, Maybin Joseph Cuevas, Jr. and Phillip Cuevas, all of Pass Christian; sisters Lucille Lizana, Evan Graham, Lavon Bryant, Marilyn Warren and Kathy Hudson, all of Pass Christian; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, March 1, 6-10 p.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church. Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at the church where friends may call after 9 a.m.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

EDITH DEMORUELLE

Edith Montez Demoruelle, 81, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Demoruelle was a native of Long Beach and a lifelong resident of the Pineville community. She was a graduate of Pass Christian High School and retired after 18 years in the gift wrapping department of Gayters. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Demoruelle was preceded in death by her husband, James Demoruelle; her parents, Eugene and Minnie Lassere; sister, Olivia Reid; niece, Mary Ann Fayard; nephew, Philip Reid; and longtime friend Earl Derese.

Survivors include a brother, Harold Lassere; a sister, Kathryn Dubuisson and husband, Martin; nieces Pat Taconi, Janie Koch, Joan Lassere Everett; nephew John Lassere, all of Pass Christian; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be today, March 1 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pass Christian followed by celebration of a Mass of the Resurrection at 11 a.m. and by burial in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

The family prefers memorials to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 22342 Evangeline Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian is in charge of arrangements.

BLONDIE EVERETT

Blondie Lee Everett, 74, of Denham Springs, La., died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001 in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Everett was a native of Picayune and a homemaker. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Willie Mae Jarrell, two great-grandchildren, Draven Archer and Chelsey Cole; and both parents.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Edward H. Everett of Denham Springs; a son and daughter-in-law, Norman Leslie Archer and Erma Archer of Kiln; three sisters, Lillie Blackwell of Picayune, Pauline Chandler of Sumrall and Lorene Necease of Gulfport; two brothers, Samuel Lee of Chalmette and Clarence Lee of Picayune; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Visitation will also be today, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home chapel until service time. Burial

will be in Catahoula Cemetery.

RUSSELL GARDNER

Russell "Rusty" Devereaux Gardner, 31, of Gulfport, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Gardner was a native of Biloxi and a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast. He attended Harrison Central High School and was formerly employed at Vrazil's Restaurant. He was the manager of Steak-Out in Gulfport. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his parents, Tony and Francis Gardner of Pearlington; a brother, Randy Gardner of Mobile; and two sisters, Tracy Gardner of Dallas and Kristin Gardner of Diamondhead.

Services were conducted Monday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial was in Evergreen Gardens.

The family prefers memorials to Harrison County Humane Society, 13756 Washington Ave., Gulfport, MS 39503.

CYNTHIA L. GIBSON

Cynthia L. Gibson, 43, of Gulfport, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.



JAMES JOBERT, JR.

James Melvin Jobert, Jr., 23, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Jobert was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a graduate of Hancock High School and a Catholic. He was employed by Jolly's Sheet Metal Workers in New Orleans and was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local No. 11 of Metairie.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Shirley Solis Jobert; and his grandfather, George Melancon, Jr.

Survivors include his parents, Jimmy Melvin and Denise Melancon Jobert, Sr. of Ansley; a sister, Dawn Elizabeth Jobert of Ansley; his grandfather, Frank Jobert, Sr. of New Orleans; his grandmother, Delores Melancon of Picayune; and his godparents, Frank Jobert, Jr. of New Orleans and Renee Roland of Picayune.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-noon at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and interment in Lakeshore Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to the Kidney Patients Emergency Fund, 4300-A West Railroad Street, Gulfport, MS 39501.

ALVIN KINGSTON, SR.

Alvin J. Kingston, Sr., 79, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Kingston was a master barber. He was a member of American Legion Post 139, Bay St. Louis, Knights of Columbus Pere le Duc Council, Bay St. Louis, and a former member of the St. Stanislaus Sideline Club and the Kiwanis Club. He owned and operated Al Kingston's Barber Shop for more than 53 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Mae Fayard Kingston; a daughter, Carole Wilkinston; his parents, Thomas

W. and Agnes Bordages Kingston; brothers Thomas Kingston, Joe Kingston, Chester Kingston, Nolan Kingston and Bertrand Kingston; and sisters Pearl Weinberg, Hazel Meier and Inez Bouis.

Survivors include a son, Alvin J. Kingston, Jr. of Waveland; daughters Patricia Kingston of Bay St. Louis, Betty Campos of Poplarville, Doris Amster of Fayette, Ala., and Sherry Breedon of Mandeville; a brother, Irvin Kingston of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Marcella Archibeque of Bay St. Louis; 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, March 2, 7-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis with recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Services were conducted Monday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

ARTHUR LAVERICK

Arthur Laverick, 86, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Laverick was a native of Cardiff, South Wales and had lived in the United States in 1926. He was retired as a captain from the Merchant Marines in 1970 and was a member of Masters Mates and Pilots Union and of First United Methodist Church in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eleanor Wilcox Laverick; two brothers, Leonard and John Laverick; and a sister, Freda Laverick Laverne.

Survivors include his wife, Birdelle C. Laverick of Pass Christian; two sons, David Ross Ambrose of Bay St. Louis and Steven P. Fleming of Pass Christian; a daughter, Linda Carol Fleming Lee of Long Beach; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in the funeral home chapel and interment in Gulf Pines Cemetery in Long Beach.

Services will be conducted today, March 1 at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian where friends may call after 5 p.m. Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the Kidney Patients Emergency Fund, 4300-A West Railroad Street, Gulfport, MS 39501.

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RODEST RIEUX, JR.

Rodest "Rudy" Rieux, Jr., 67, of Waveland, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, in Waveland.

Mr. Rieux was a native of New Orleans and an aircraft mechanic for American Air Lines for 30 years. He was a member of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death his parents, Rodest Rieux Sr. and Theresa Harriet Lyons Rieux; and a brother, Walter Rieux.

Survivors include five daughters, Cherylann Rieux and Cassandra Farr, both of Fresno, Calif., Christine Rieux of Sacramento, Calif., and Maria Rieux and Marcia Rieux, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; four sons, Rodest Rieux III, Michael Rieux and Donald Rieux, all of Fresno, Gregory Rieux of Bakersfield, Calif.; two sisters, Betty Menzies of Los Angeles and Ardmeise Theresa of New Orleans.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Bank announces officer promotions

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schlegel announced officer promotions approved recently by the Hancock Holding Company and Hancock Bank Board of Directors.

Hancock employees receiving promotions include:

Tana Cameron Operations Officer

Cameron is the administrative assistant for Hancock's chief executive officer and provides administrative support for the corporate management committee. She joined Hancock Bank in October 1986 as a part-time employee.

Cameron, a registered nurse, graduated from D'Iberville High School and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Cameron is a Biloxi native.

Carol Ann Caulkins Operations Officer

Purchasing Manager Caulkins is a native of Lake City, Minn., who attended McHenry Community College in Crystal Lake, Ill., and the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She came to Hancock Bank 10 years ago as a student loans representative.

She served two terms as an elder of the Diamondhead Community Church and is on the Diamondhead Little School board of directors.

Shelley L. Dedeaux Operations Officer

Fifteen years ago, Dedeaux joined Hancock Bank as a part-time teller. Now the Bay St. Louis native serves as manager of Cash Management support. She completed several AIB

courses. Dedeaux is a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

Dixie Fontenot Operations Officer

An applications programmer and analyst with Mission Centennial administration, Fontenot joined Hancock Bank in August 1996 as a Help Desk analyst.

A former user support consultant for Millsaps College, the Franklin, La., native and Hanson Memorial High School graduate holds a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. She is active in the Krewe of Hera carnival association and St. James Church.

Melva M. Jackson Operations Officer

Jackson, a graduate of Moss Point High School, received a bachelor's degree in business information systems from Mississippi State University. The Moss Point native joined Hancock Bank in August 1996 and is currently an applications programmer/analyst with the Mission Centennial loans release.

She is a Pascagoula School District career fair representative, a volunteer speaker for Pascagoula school career programs, a WIBC bowling association member, and a member of Union Baptist Church.

Dustin Kemp Operations Officer

Kemp, who came to Hancock Bank seven years ago as a mail clerk, now serves as an applications programmer/analyst in



New freight station allows port to house more cargo

Mississippi State Port Authority recently opened its new 105,000-square-foot Container Freight Station (CFS) on the port's west terminal.

The facility, designed by the engineering team of URS Corporation, Metairie, and Simpkins & Costelli, Gulfport, is the port's newest addition for housing breakbulk cargo.

The CFS, built by Tilley Construction, Gulfport, is accessible by rail and truck and will accommodate various types of cargo for the port's customers.

"The new Container Freight Station enables the Port of Gulfport to be more prepared to meet increasing cargo demands, and it greatly affects Gulfport's appeal as a diverse and growing international trade partner," said Gary LaGrange, port director.

"The more space we can offer to our customers and to future business partners, the better positioned we will be to increase our trade relationships and therefore benefit the state economy."

Karabin opens OB/GYN practice

Jerry M. Karabin, MD announces the March 5 opening of Bay Obstetrics & Gynecology, LLC.

A native of Denver, Colo., Dr. Karabin is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Temple Health Sciences Center in Philadelphia, Pa. and Louisiana State University Medical Center, where he majored in microbiology and immunology.

He earned a doctor of medicine at Louisiana State University Medical Center and completed his internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

Miller, a Biloxi native, joined Hancock Bank 18 years ago as an electronic data processing systems programmer and now serves as an applications system specialist in Host Applications.

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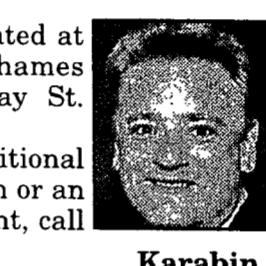
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A+ Cruises & Tours in Metairie has expanded its staff to include Cynthia Fontana, trained travel professional for the Mississippi Gulf Coast who specializes in cruises and air/land packages.

With many years of experience in the travel industry, she offers personalized service for cruises and tours worldwide. She also specializes in groups for family and friends, reunions, church, fund raisers or any celebration.

"Cynthia is a welcome addition to our organization," said Kathy Altobello, owner of A+ Cruise & Tours. "With the cruise industry booming, Cynthia brings the expertise and knowledge of cruising that our clients have come to expect and that our agency is known for."

Fontana is a member of Travel Agents of Greater New Orleans, Caribbean Travel Organization and Vacation.com.

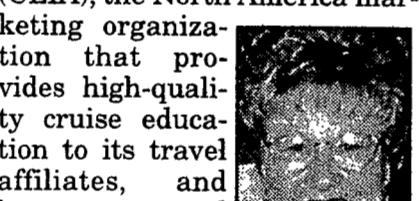
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Con-Tech awarded contracts

Con-Tech Power Systems, Inc. of Pearlington continues to expand its international business by adding over \$1 million to current backlog of electrical switchgear product line.

Upon return of Harold Thibodeaux, president and CEO of Con-Tech, from Singapore, China and Los Angeles, Calif., Con-Tech was awarded contracts for electrical switchgear for projects under construction for Singapore Technologies Ltd. and Glen York Ltd., Nigeria.

Con-Tech Power Systems, Inc. with corporate headquarters in the Port Bienville Industrial Park is a major independent electrical switchgear and equipment manufacturer.



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McKay completes Certified Public Manager Program

Linda McKay, financial officer with the Hancock County Library System, has completed Levels I and II of the Mississippi Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program.

The program, administered under the Mississippi State Personnel Board, provides up-to-date, practical-based training opportunities to enhance the knowledge and skills of current and future governmental leaders in the state.

McKay, who has been with the library system since 1988, began as an administrative assistant, was promoted to business office manager in 1995, and has since been named financial officer for the library system.

During her tenure with the library system, she has managed special projects, including implementing an integrated automated financial and accounting system. She also serves as a member of the library's construction project team, the administrative management team and sits on the library system's Long Range

Technology Plan Committee.

She holds memberships in the Mississippi Library Association, the Mississippi Association of Government Purchasing and Property Agents and the National Institute of Governmental Purchasers.

The program recognizes that systematic training programs are essential in maintaining and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of professional governmental supervisors and managers.

The Mississippi CPM Program involves intensive study, practical application and examination. In order to receive the CPM designation, participants must complete six levels of core courses; two outside readings; professional development electives; selected required electives; three job-related projects; an executive seminar; and examinations on core courses.

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GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY 3/3, 118 Marcie Lane Waveland off Old Spanish Trail.

MARCH 2-4, (FRI-SUN), 5027 CEDAR DR. off Harbor Dr., 9am to 5pm. Follow signs.

MARCH 3RD 8-4 (GARAGE) OFF HWY 603 turn @ Todd's on Central. 4016 Madagascar on Jordan River, follow signs.

MOVING SALE: FURNITURE & clothes. 8645 Kilm-Delisle Rd. Pass Christian. Saturday 8-til.

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CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, 1/BR, furnished efficiency apt. All utilities furnished, cable T.V. \$100/dep. \$125/wk. 467-2189.

LARGE 1/BR, COTTAGE, FURNISHED, boat-dock, pool, near Casino Magic. \$525/month. \$300/deposit. 467-5628 or 388-4501.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. Finally a 1/br. apartment home available. Call about free rent. 452-9901.

CALL 467-5474 for more information on how you can place an ad in The Sea Coast Echo Newspaper!

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOMS FURNISHED & UNFURNISHED, weekly/monthly. Laundry. Cable available. Close to NASA & Port Bienville Ms. 228-533-7001.

1/BR, TRAILER, STOVE & REFRIGERATOR, on private lot, one mile past alligator sign on Hwy 90. \$300/mo. \$100/dep. 467-3827.

NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING for rent just behind Diamondhead. Corner of Kapalama and Tina Lander Road. 586-2344.

NICE NEIGHBORHOOD. 2 bedroom house and much more! Large fenced yard on the water. BEAT STRESS. 466-2852.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: HWY 90, 1200 sq. ft. Call 467-4437 467-5516.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: 1200 sq. ft. Christian corner St. Louis & Henderson. 1250 square feet. \$700/mo. adjacent space available. Prudential Gardner 864-4411. Page Gwen 880-1150.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR lease 804 Hwy 90 BSL. 1200 square feet. 467-4594.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

1986 BRIGHTON BY REDMON 14X70 2br, 1ba, central air/heat, excellent condition, many extras. 255-3051.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

2/BR, 11/2/B, UNFURNISHED TRAILER, on acreage Rocky Hill area, Kiln Ms. 586-0731. \$350/mo. \$200/dep.

3/BR, 11/2 BATHS, PARTIALLY furnished. Free water, sewage, near laundry. Portman Ms. 228-533-7001

1/BR TRAILER FOR RENT IN THE KILN. Pet-free environment. 255-9397.

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LEGAL NOTICE
HANCOCK COUNTY PORT AND
HARBOR COMMISSION
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
PARTICIPATION IN FEDERALLY FUNDED
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission has established an overall goal of 11.6% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation in Federal Aviation Administrated funded projects at the Stennis International Airport, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for Fiscal Year 2001.

The methodology for establishing this goal is available for review from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday in the office of the Airport Manager, 7300 Stennis Airport, Box 268, 2001 Hwy 90, and the Airport District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, 100 West Cross Street - Suite B, Jackson, Mississippi until Thursday April 12, 2001.

Comments should be directed to Mr. William P. Carter, Airport Manager, P.O. Box 268, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521-2267, or Manager, Airports District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, 100 West Cross Street - Suite B, Jackson, MS 39028-2307 before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2001.

Hank. Co. Port and Harbor Commission
31/3/2001

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HANCOCK COUNTY****NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, at the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m. on March 28, 2001, and thereafter publicly opened for the placement of Transportation Regulatory Signs wide in Hancock County, Mississippi, known as Federal Aid Bridge Posting Project Nos. BR-NBX(523B) and BR-NBX(623B).

ITEM NO. QUANTITY UNIT

Reflected Traffic Regulatory Signs 18 0 Each

Endorsements 10 Each

Contract Time 30 Working Days

BASIS OF AWARD: The award, if made, will be made to the lowest qualified bidder on the basis of published quantity.

The selection of bidders is directed to the State and Federal law governing selection of any employment of labor.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Bureau of the Department of Labor according to the requirements of Federal Aid Highway funds and are set out in the Labor regulations contained in the proposal.

The Board of Supervisors hereby notifies all bidders that it is their intent to afford subcontractors the opportunity to bid in response to the invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or nationality. Requests for all plans and specifications and bid documents shall be filed in the Office of the State Engineer and located at 401 N. West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Plans may be secured from Lawrence L. Seal, P.O. Box 135, 113 Telly Road, Picayune, MS 39466. Plans may be secured from Lawrence L. Seal, County Engineer, one week prior to the date of bid opening.

Contract Check or Bid Bond for five percent (5%) of total bid made payable to Hancock County and the STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, must accompany each proposal.

Proposers are hereby notified that any proposal accompanied by letters qualifying in any manner the condition under which the proposal is tendered will be considered an irregular bid, and such proposals will not be considered in making the award.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 20th day of February, 2001.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HWY 90 MINI STORGE, WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF RICHARD CHAPMAN, CHARLY PALMOUR, JR., AND WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 5032 GIA ST. BAY ST. LOUIS, MS. 39520. THE SALE SHALL TAKE PLACE AT 121 HWY 90 WAVELAND, MS. ON THE 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2001 AT 10 A.M. 21/2, 2/22, 3/1/2001

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of February, 2000, Billy J. Fleming, II, Keely M. Fleming, husband and wife, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto John C. Morris, III, Trustee for United Companies Lending Corporation, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County in Book 617 at Page 709, dated 2/15/2000, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 562 at Page 378, dated 2/15/2000.

WHEREAS, the holder of said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 562 at Page 378, and

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of March, 2000, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 562 at Page 378, and

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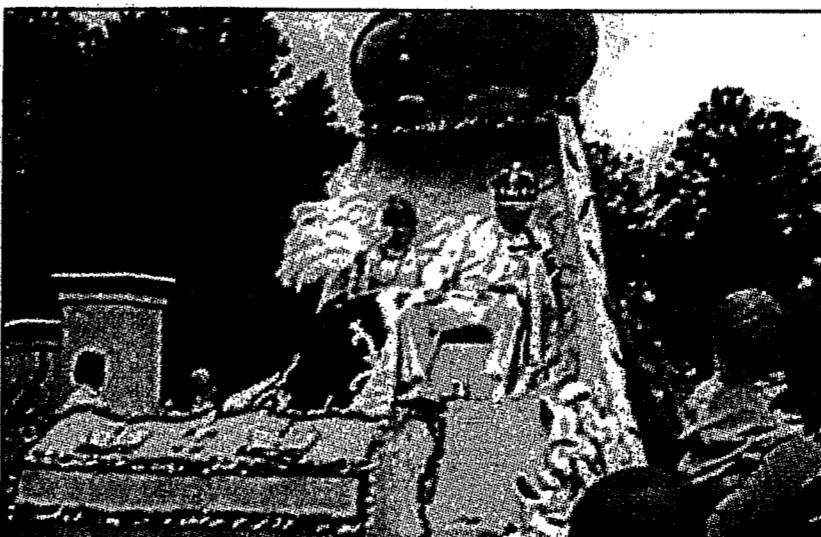
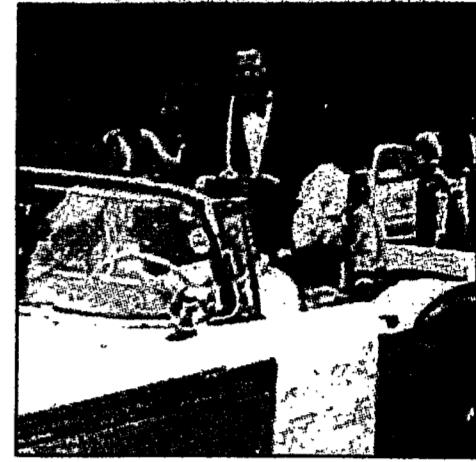
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